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In the Application of:

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Efficient Nucleic Acid Sequencing

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 26, 2012

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

The present paper is being filed in response to a FINAL office action dated January 26, 2012. The response is timely filed by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a one-month extension of time and is accompanied by a request and fee for continued examination.

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. There are no amendments to the claims; however, a clean copy of the claims is reproduced below for the convenience of the Examiner.

Remarks begin on page **7** of this paper.